consequence of the drought of the previous year. However, the import bill on these items is likely to come down because of the good performance of the agricultural sector last year. It is Government's constant endeavour to minimize imports.

Steps to improve law and order situation in Punjab

1960. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what effective steps Government have taken in the last three monthe to deiuse the situation in Punjab;

(b) whethtr there has been any improvement in the law and order situation as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The security measures have been tightened up. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on Punjab constituted by the Prime Minister under the Chairmanship of the External Affairs Minister has studied all aspects of Punjab problem and has also held two rounds of discussions with representatives of Political parties at Chandigarh on 12th April, 1989 and at Delhi on 5th May, 1989. A number of measures which were announced by the Prime Minister on March 3, 1939 with a view to bring normalcy in the State have been implemented. These steps have succeeded to an appreciable extent in isolating the extremists and strengthening the determination of the people to figh the menance and extending cooperation to the security forces in dealing with them.

Involvement of foreign agency in recent rios in Jammu and Kashmir

1961. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the involvement of any foreign agency has been established in the recent communal riots in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is some evidence of terrorists receiving support from sources outside India. According to information available a number of persons from Valley have received training and supply of arms, ammunition, explosives, funds etc. for creating disorder and destabilisation in the State.

News-item captioned "customs cheat electrician for a reward"

1962. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Custom Police cheat electrician for a reward' which appeared in the Afternoon Despatch and Courier, Bombay of 28th March, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA: (a) yes, Sir.

(b) One Shri Minoo Khodabadna Irani, who was identified as the informer by the Police in the case of seizure of contraband watches and watch movements worth Rs. 6,27,300/- on 23rd/24th March, 1985 at